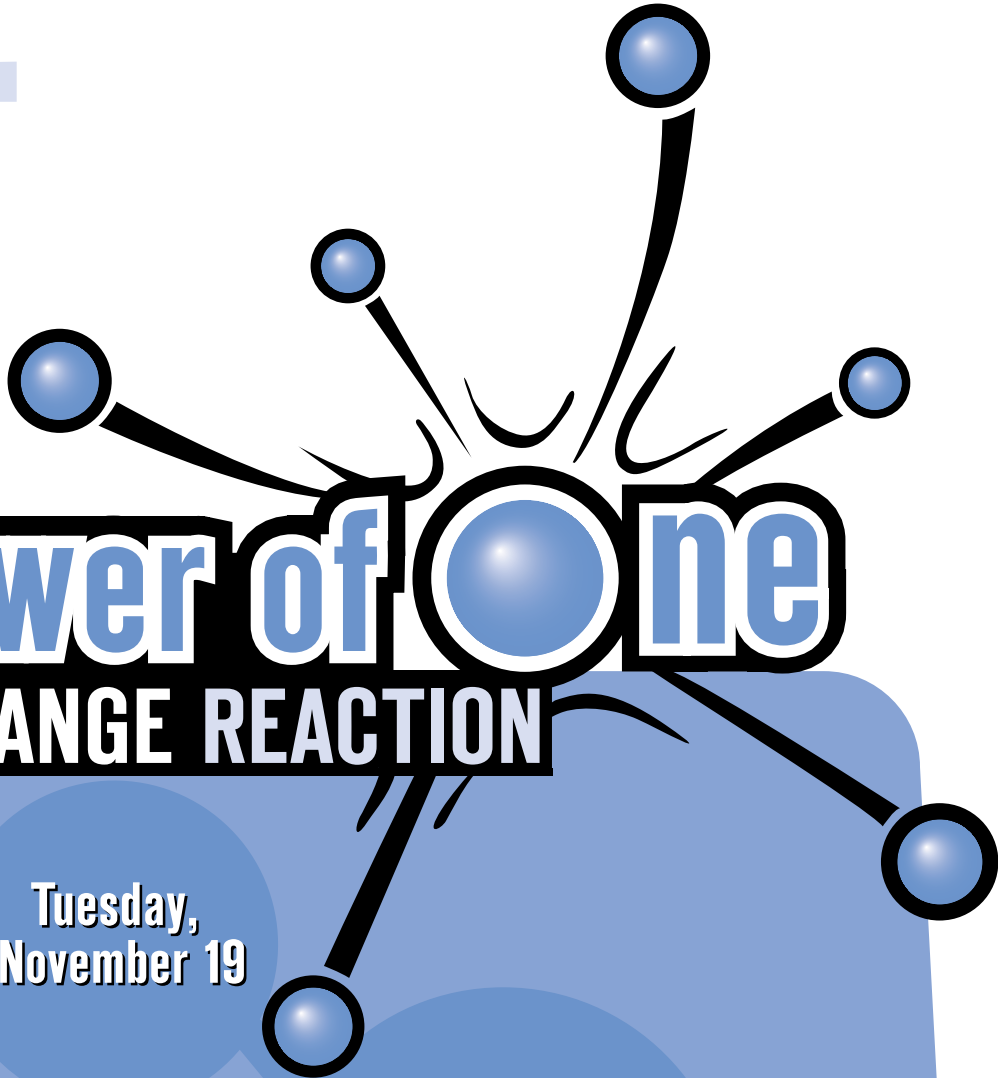


CONFERENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

2002



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CREATING a CHANGE REACTION

**Tuesday,
November 19**

**Wednesday,
November 20**

**LOCATION: Westin Hotel,
Downtown Indianapolis**



Indiana Governor's
Planning Council for
People with Disabilities

The 2002 Conference for People with Disabilities is sponsored by the Indiana Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



ROB CHALMERS started his business, People Magic, in 1980, specializing in motivational speaking, training and consulting. He was the 2000 recipient of the Arthur Rubloff Memorial Award for leadership and achievement presented by the United Cerebral Palsy Association and the 1997 recipient of the Judd Jacobson Memorial Award for entrepreneurship from Courage Center in Golden Valley, Minnesota. In his spare time, Chalmers is training a golden retriever to be a service dog for Helping Paws of Minnesota, Inc.



JIM DICKSON is Vice President for Governmental Affairs of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). He leads the AAPD Disability Vote Project, a broad coalition of 36 national disability-related organizations to close the political participation gap for people with disabilities. The project focuses on election reform, polling place access, voter registration and education, and get-out-the-vote drives.



BOB KAFKA is a national organizer of ADAPT (American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today), and Co-Director of the Institute for Disability Access in Austin, Texas. He was the first president of the board of directors of the Houston Center of Independent Living. In addition, Kafka started the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, which was one of the first cross-disability, consumer-run state coalitions. He later became a board member of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities.



ROBERT "BOBBY" SILVERSTEIN is Director of the Center for the Study and Advancement of Disability Policy at George Washington University Medical Center. Silverstein has more than 28 years of experience providing policy analysis, research and technical assistance to policy makers, as well as negotiating and drafting public policy at the federal, state and local levels.



RAY KURZWEIL is an inventor, entrepreneur, author and futurist. Kurzweil was the principal developer of the first omni-font optical character recognition, the first print-to-speech reading machine for the blind, the first CCD flat-bed scanner, the first text-to-speech synthesizer, the first music synthesizer capable of recreating the grand piano and other orchestral instruments, and the first commercially marketed large vocabulary speech recognition software. His presentations combine wit and keen insight into contemporary issues of technology and its impact on society. He also includes engaging demonstrations of cutting-edge technologies that he and his teams have developed.

*Speakers subject to change

AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, November 20

* Topics and speakers subject to change

8 - 9 a.m. Registration/Exhibit Viewing

9 - 11:15 a.m. Plenary Session – Jim Dickson, Robin Jones, Bob Kafka and Bobby Silverstein

Panel presentation on current federal legislation.

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Awards Luncheon – Ray Kurzweil

The Power of Technology – Technology has been said to be the ultimate equalizer. What does the future hold and how will the world change over the next 20 years? Kurzweil will lead you on a journey through time and space, preparing you for this revolution.

The fifth annual Award for Excellence in Reporting on Disability Issues honors journalists who examine disability issues and report in “people first” language.

Profit From Our Ability Awards recognize Indiana’s outstanding employers of people with disabilities.

2:15 - 4:15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

Power Is Knowledge: Medicaid Waiver Information Network (WIN) – Everything you need to know about Medicaid waivers, but didn’t know to ask. In-home supports provide opportunities for people with disabilities to remain in their own homes or move back to the community. Find out how Indiana waiver programs work, and learn to negotiate the waiver process.

The Power of the Media, presented by Borshoff Johnson Matthews Public Relations and Marketing Communications Firm – This workshop will explore how to effectively use the media to get your story across. Methods and strategies for working with the media will be provided.

Power to the People: Legislative Action – This session will recap the second regular session of the General Assembly in 2002. It will also address legislative study committees’ recommendations and legislative initiatives to be discussed in 2003.

Board Leadership Skills: Power Tools – Members of boards and commissions are in a powerful position to make a difference. This session will focus on the tools you need to be a valuable board or commission member.

Transportation: The Power to Move About Freely in a Society – Affordable, accessible transportation is the number one barrier prohibiting people with disabilities from becoming active participants in the community. It affects employment, civic duties, recreation and entertainment – the most fundamental rights of people with disabilities.

Absolute Power – This workshop will be a continuation of the panel presentation on current federal legislation. Proposed legislation, MiCASSA, election reform, Supreme Court rulings on the ADA and the reauthorization of the IDEA will be examined.

Economic Power

The Department of Workforce Development will provide demonstrations on how to use the DWD kiosk to access information about employment opportunities. Listings of the Job Bank and employment counselors will be available.

* Continuing Education Units (CEUs) Available

The Conference has been approved by the IU School of Social Work for Continuing Education Units (CEUs): Tuesday’s sessions (6 contact hours of continuing education credit) = \$10; Wednesday’s sessions (5.5 contact hours of continuing education credit) = \$10

To receive CEUs, pick up one form for each Conference day at the Conference registration desk and mail the form, along with a check, to Indiana University. (Checks will not be collected at the Conference.)

CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 19

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8 - 9:30 a.m. Registration/Exhibit Viewing

9:30 a.m. Opening Session

Opening Remarks – Gov. Frank O'Bannon (invited)
Tribute – Acknowledgement of the late Justin Dart, international disability rights activist.

10 a.m. Keynote

11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lunch – Rob Chalmers

The Power of Illusion – Chalmers weaves humor, magic and illusion into his presentation on the power of words, labels and perceptions. He gives the audience permission to lighten up and not take life too seriously.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

The Power of Diversity – Reaching out to people across racial and ethnic lines can create a powerful alliance for the disability community. Learn how to value differences to support a common goal.

Citizens Advocacy: Power Through Community Connections (Part 1 of 2) – Institutions are closing their doors, Olmstead is a reality, and more people with significant disabilities are living in the community. Recruiting and working with volunteers to support people with disabilities so they can live, work and be part of the community is the key to inclusion.

My Home Is My Castle – Having a say about how the community grows, and where and with whom you live is a powerful tool. The Consolidated Plan is a powerful document that guides policy and expenditure of funds in a community. This session will provide inside knowledge about the Consolidated Plan and practical tools you can use to become involved in its development.

Our Voice, Our Choice: The Power of a Single Message – This will be a public forum to explore disability issues. Discuss how to create partnerships and organize groups to address the issues, creating a unified voice with one message.

Political Clout: Power Broker – This workshop will explore strategies that work in the political arena. Learn how to influence public policy and create a ground swell in the passage of legislation.

Board Leadership Skills: Power Tools (will be repeated Wed. at 2:15 p.m.) – Members of boards and commissions are in a powerful position to make a difference. This session will focus on the tools you need to be a valuable board or commission member.

3:45 - 5:45 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

Transportation: The Power to Move About Freely in a Society (will be repeated Wed. at 2:15 p.m.) – Affordable, accessible transportation is the number one barrier prohibiting people with disabilities from becoming active participants in the community. It affects employment, civic duties, recreation and entertainment – the most fundamental rights of people with disabilities.

Citizens Advocacy: Power Through Community Connection (Part 2 of 2) – Institutions are closing their doors, Olmstead is a reality, and more people with significant disabilities are living in the community. Recruiting and working with volunteers to support people with disabilities so they can live, work and be part of the community is the key to inclusion.

Count Us IN: The Power of the Ballot – The power of the ballot is profound. People with disabilities have the power to sway an election if they vote and participate in the electoral process. Learn what others have done to cause a change reaction!

Creating a Power Base – This workshop will provide strategies for community organizing and negotiating. You will also learn when civil disobedience is appropriate and how to make it effective.

Power Game – Come prepared to learn lessons from a congressional insider's rule book. This workshop will provide you with tools to be influential in the power circles of Congress.

Power Play – The people have spoken, the Supreme Court has ruled, laws have been passed and legislators have gone home – now what? This session will focus on Olmstead, Medicaid Buy-In, Ticket to Work, managed care for people with disabilities, the impact of 221 in education, and private hire options. It will also explore what has transpired in the legislature and what needs to be done once a law is passed.

5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Exhibit Viewing

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Reception – Flower Power

Don your beads, bell-bottoms and headbands because we're going back to the '60s! Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Peace.

Faculty List

Becky Banks, Community Coordinator, Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

Betto Barrera, Team Leader, Access Living's Housing

Sue Beecher, Protection and Advocacy

Don Blinzinger, Chief of Staff to the Republican Caucus

Karen Wolf Branningan, Project Action Director, National Easter Seals

Sheri Caveda, Project Director, Fifth Freedom

Rob Chalmers, President and Founder, People Magic

Myra Cocca, Vice President, Borshoff Johnson Matthews

Jim Dickson, Vice President for Governmental Affairs, American Association of People with Disabilities

Kim Dodson, Director of Government Relations and Development, ARC of Indiana

Tom Doody, Executive Director, North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy, Massachusetts

Cris Fulford, Public Policy Director, Governmental Affairs, COVOH

Jo Gilbertson, Co-President, Citizen Advocacy of South Central Indiana

Nancy Griffin, Executive Director, AARP

Erik Johnson, Partner, Borshoff Johnson Matthews

Robin Jones, Director, The Great Lakes ADA, an Accessible IT Center

Bob Kafka, National Organizer, ADAPT

Jackie Kenney, Management Development Executive, Verizon

Rob Kerney, Professor of Political Science, University of Southern Indiana

Tom Kohler, Executive Director, Chatham-Savannah Citizen Advocacy, Georgia

Ray Kurzweil, Founder, Kurzweil Technologies

Amy Cook Lurvey, Chairperson, COVOH

Steve McCaffrey, J.D., Executive Director, Indiana Mental Health Association

Deborah McCarty, Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

James Morgan III, President, Jem Group, Inc.

Sally Morris, Director of Communications, ARC of Indiana

Joe Osborn, Executive Director, Indiana Safeguards Initiative

Dixie Patterson, Co-President, Citizen Advocacy of South Central Indiana

Darrell Price, Coordinator, Access Living's Housing

David Scott, Project Action, Indianapolis

Bobby Silverstein, J.D., Director, Center for the Study and Advancement of Disability Policy, George Washington University Medical Center

Julia Vaughn, Project Director, Count Us IN

Karen Vaughn, Board Member, Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities

Nanette Whightsel, Consultant

Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the Conference.

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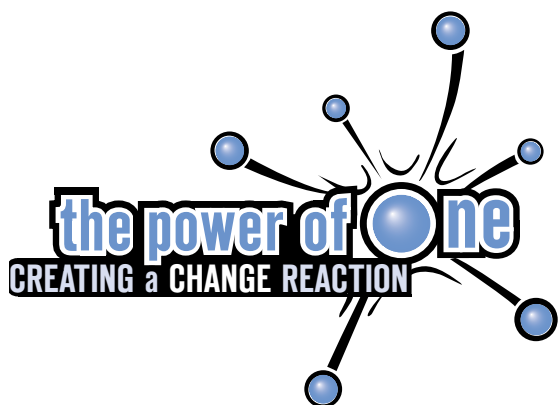
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Lodging

You are responsible for your own accommodations (unless you are a scholarship recipient living 50 miles or more outside Indianapolis.) A block of accessible rooms at the Westin has been reserved at special rates. Both listed hotels offer accessible rooms upon request. Please mention the Conference when registering to get the discounted rate.

Host Hotel - Westin

50 South Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 262-8100
Single \$74/day
Double \$84/day
Triple \$94/day
Quad \$104/day
Rollaway beds \$25
Tax rate on all rooms 11%
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October 19*

Indianapolis Marriott Downtown

350 West Maryland Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225
(317) 822-3500
All rooms \$79/day, plus 11% tax
*Reservation deadline: Monday,
October 21*

** There are limited hotel rooms
in downtown Indianapolis due
to other conferences taking
place at the same time.*

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